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January 29, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE AMENDING THE CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY BOARD'S MEETING SCHEDULE

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Child Support Advisory Board's (CSAB) request to amend the Advisory Board's meetings schedule from monthly to every other month in 2008, in order to assist the Child Support Services Department (CSSD) with the roll out of the California Child Support Automated System (CCSAS) scheduled to go live in November 2008.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION:

The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is in the process of obtaining federal certification for a statewide automated case management system, known as the CCSAS. Obtaining certification this year is critical to putting an end to the penalties (of over \$200 million per year) that the State has been paying to the federal government.

The new CCSAS system is currently being rolled out to counties throughout the state, and Los Angeles County is scheduled to "go live" in November 2008. Steven Golightly, the CSSD Director, has advised the CSAB that, due to conversion preparation, his staff have many additional constraints on their time, e.g. training, business process reengineering, etc. Mr. Golightly also indicated that preparing for the monthly CSAB meetings consumes a significant amount of staff time, which is already stretched to the limit.

At the December 13, 2007 meeting of the CSAB, there was unanimous support for reducing the meeting schedule in 2008 to every other month while work continues on the transition to CCSAS.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

The request for rescheduling the Advisory Board meetings is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being), by allowing the DCSS sufficient time to expedite their program without too many interruptions that the Advisory Board meetings sometimes create.

FINANCING/FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The CSAB, formerly the Family Support Advisory Board, was established by the Board of Supervisors by Board Order 86 on May 20, 1989.

The CSAB is responsible for working with CSSD to improve client services and meet the performance standards set by the State and the Federal government. In addition, the CSAB reviews issues referred to it by the Board, and reports to the Board on the status of County Child support services and on ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of CSSD operations.

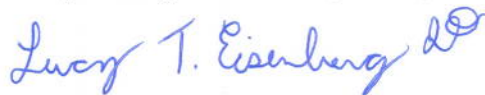
The Commission consists of 17 members, two appointed by each Supervisor; the Director of Public Social Services; Director of Child Support Services Department; presiding judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court; Director of Children and Family Services; Chief Information Officer; State Franchise Tax Board (Ex Officio); and California Department of Child Support Services (Ex Officio).

Because there are no by-laws in the ordinance explicitly indicating the frequency by which the Advisory Board should meet, we respectfully request that the Board grant us to meet every other month in 2008.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The CSSD can serve the public better if they can devote more time in implementing their project in a timely manner. Setting less meetings for the coming year should assist valuably in seeing that the project is completed to the Board's and the County's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucy T. Eisenberg" followed by a stylized "dP" or similar mark.

Lucy T. Eisenberg, Esq.
Chairperson

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